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No 8 Grouseland 8th Octr 1808

Dear Sir

You must by this time suppose me one of the worst Correspondents in the World & I have no inclination to deny the charge for all my friends tell me so & what every one believes must be true I wrote to you however about Six Weeks ago by Col. Vigo but as that gentleman did not visit your post as he intended when he set out from this place the letter was returned to me & I intended to have written by Mr Grote but he left this place without my knowing it having called at my house when I was absent. Your letter of the 4th of April last was duly received & removed every difficulty with regard to the affair of T. Harrison. indeed I never had an idea that Lt. Pike for whom I have a great esteem & friendship had done any thing more in that affair than what would have been considered if subjected to the most severe scrutiny as an act of imprudence such as I myself have committed whilst in a Military Command & such as all men of ardent minds are likely to commit. I have appointed a

Mr Greater a Magistrate & I am very Glad
to find from our mutual friend Whitlock
that he will be agreeable to you — I intended
to have given him a letter to you requesting
your advice & aſsistance in the performance
of his duty respecting which he may be
at a loſs from his limited acquaintance with
our Language Manners & Laws — I think
that a good understanding between you
may be productive of mutual advantage
& tend to preserve tranquility in the Settle-
ment adjacent to your post —

With much Respect & Esteem
I am Dr Sir
your Humbl Servt.
Willm H. Harrison

Captn D. Bissell

Captain Daniel Biſsell

Commandant

at

Fort Maſsac

fav^d by
T. Owen.